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APPLICATION NO: 10/089,971 ✓

FILED: AUGUST 13, 2002

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION OF NATEGLINIDE AND
ANOTHER ANTIDIABETIC AGENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:


The Office Action of June 13, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 13, 2003. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$420 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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